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REMARKS

The amendments above present additional claims, which Applicants believe are clearly supported by the disclosure. Claims 9-12 are supported by, for example, the last two paragraphs on page 3 of the specification identifying the mutation points, and, thereby, describing mutated nucleic acid sequences. Claim 13 is supported by original claim 8, and the supporting portions of the specification. Claims 14-17 are supported by, for example, the paragraph bridging pages 4-5. Applicants do not believe that the new claims introduce any new matter.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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